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**REQUEST TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PCT SEARCH REPORT REFERENCES**

Sir:

This paper is **not** an IDS, it merely provides an instrument for the examiner to easily acknowledge prior art which MPEP 609 indicates should have already been considered.

The prior art listed on the attached form 1449 is prior art which was included in the international search report which was received by the PTO and acknowledged on the 371 acceptance letter, form PCT/DO/DE/903, which form was mailed from the PTO on March 11, 2002.

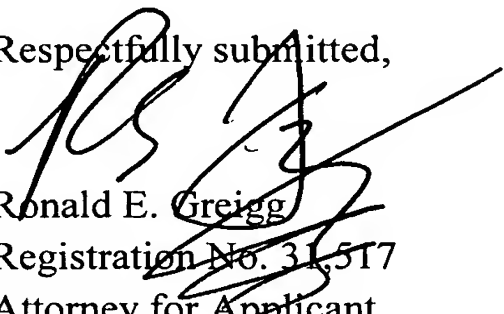
This prior art was cited as part of a PCT Search Report for the International Application which matured into this US application under 35 USC 371. It is noted that MPEP 609 indicates that the examiner **should have** already considered this prior art.

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Accordingly, this prior art has apparently already been considered by the examiner.

This prior art is being placed on a form 1449 for the convenience of the examiner, so that the examiner can easily acknowledge having considered it.

Respectfully submitted,



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